Open Enrollment Guidelines

The school district will participate in open enrollment as a receiving district. As a receiving district, the board will allow nonresident students who meet the legal requirements to open enroll into the school district. The board will have complete discretion to determine the attendance center of the students attending the school district under open enrollment.

The board (or superintendent) will take action on the open enrollment request within 30 days of receipt of the application.

The superintendent will notify the sending school district and parents within five days of the school district's action to approve or deny the open enrollment request.

Open enrollment requests into the school district will not be approved if insufficient classroom space exists. The District's first obligation is to its resident students. Therefore, sufficient classroom space will be determined and approved by the board of education on an annual basis. Enrollment figures are determined to be the optimum capacity at each grade level given the nature of physical space, equipment and materials, and other considerations.

Open enrollment requests into the school district will also not be approved for students who have been suspended or expelled by the administration or the board of the school district the student is or was attending until the student has been reinstated into the school district from which the student was suspended or expelled. Once the student is reinstated, the student's open enrollment request will be considered in the same manner as other open enrollment requests, provided the required timelines are met.

Open enrollment requests into the district for children of Hinton Community School District contracted regular employees will be approved regardless of classroom space. The Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, bring requests to the board for their approval.

The board will waive the insufficient classroom space reason for denial for students of the same nuclear family to prevent the division of a nuclear family between two school districts. Other open enrollment requests into the school district are considered in the order received by the school district with the first open enrollment request given a higher priority than the second open enrollment request and so forth.

Students in grades nine through twelve open enrolling into the school district will be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, at the varsity level, in accordance with applicable law.

Parents of students whose open enrollment requests are approved by the (board or superintendent) are responsible for providing transportation to and from the receiving school

district without reimbursement. The board will not approve transportation into the sending district.

An open enrollment request into the school district from parents of a special education student is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The determining factors for approval of such an open enrollment request will be whether the special education program available in the school district is appropriate for the student's needs and whether the enrollment of the special education student will cause the class size to exceed the maximum allowed. The area education agency director of special education serving the school district will determine whether the program is appropriate. The special education student will remain in the sending district until the final determination is made. For children requiring special education, the receiving district will complete and provide to the resident district the documentation needed to seek Medicaid reimbursement for eligible services.

The policies of the school district will apply to students attending the school district under open enrollment.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop appropriate office procedures and administrative regulations necessary for open enrollment requests.

For the 2023-2024 academic year, we will post the open enrollment status for the classes. Classes will close when we don't have classroom space, and applications will not be approved.

Grade	Max	Open or Closed
3 year-olds	21	Closed
4 year-olds	40	Closed
T-Kindergarten	30	Open -
Kindergarten	66	Closed
1st Grade	66	Closed
2nd Grade	66	Open -
3rd Grade	66	Closed
4th Grade	75	Open -
5th Grade	75	Open -
6th Grade	75	Open -
7th Grade	57	Open -
8th Grade	75	Open -
9th Grade	80	Open -
10th Grade	86	Open -
11th Grade	86	Open -
12th Grade	86	Open -